

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - by Robert E. Livesey, CGCS, Plaza GC, Visalia

I would like to express my thanks to the membership and the Board of Directors for the help and support they have given this past year. Without this our Association would not be healthy and growing. It takes each one of us to make a sound and stable organization. This is one of the many things the Board of Directors strives for. If at the end of the year we can look back and see the positive things that have taken place, our year of service has been worthwhile.

G.C.S.A. of America scholarship, T.A.R.P., Intern Program, Superintendents' Institute and Turf Research are some of the programs our Association supports. These and our monthly meetings are of benefit to all superintendents. The attendance at our meetings has been improving. This shows that there is a good interest in our program as a whole. Education and fellowship go hand-in-hand to help make us all better superintendents.

Once again, my thanks to all for the privilege of serving you this past year as President of G.C.S.A. of Northern California.

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YOUR HOST SUPERINTENDENT - Aart C. de Vos

Aart was born in 1944, Vlaardingen, The Netherlands. He has a B. S. Degree in Ornamental Horticulture, attended Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo and participated in GCSA of America Seminars and Conferences. He started his career as an assistant golf course superintendent at Los Robles Greens Thousand Oaks in 1966 and was superintendent at Lake Arrowhead CC and Soboba Springs CC in Hemet and came to Los Altos CC, Los Altos in 1971.

Aart will be leaving Los Altos on April 1, 1981 to pursue a career in his own businesses, Turf & Tree Specialists, Inc. (landscape contracting and maintenance services) and T & T Distributing (sales company serving the golf industry with seed, fertilizers, chemicals and supplies).

Aart has been a member of GCSA of Northern California since 1972. We wish you the best of luck in your future.

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BOB FORD will be replacing Aart as Golf Course Superintendent at Los Altos CC. Bob was superintendent at Almaden CC, San Jose from 1972 to 1978 when he left to go into private business and then became superintendent at McNary Golf Course in Salem.

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KEVIN ELY, Butte Creek Country Club, Chico is now employed by Duke Equipment Irrigation Company, Sacramento.